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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, November 11, 2003, Applicant's counsel and the Examiner had a telephone interview in which the Examiner indicated that claim 33 would be allowable by changing "at least support" to "first and second longitudinal support sections." Applicant indicated a willingness to the change provided that the term longitudinal was omitted and the Examiner has subsequently agreed. Therefore, please amend the application as follows:

APPROVED FOR ENTRY  
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